

Capital Briefs

★ Conservatives planning the restoration of the Central Intelligence Agency were shocked when CIA legislative counsel, Fred Hitz, who had cultivated a reputation as a hardliner, conspired with both leftist and unsophisticated senior staffers of the Senate Intelligence Committee in a vain attempt to get three pro-Intelligence members of Reagan's CIA transition team fired from their Senate jobs.

★ Taken together with FBI Director William Webster's defense of the Levi guidelines that hinder FBI counter-intelligence and counter-terrorism (see cover) and the denial of FY1982 budget information on Intelligence to the appropriate transition teams, the incident at CIA is seen as an attempt to prevent President-elect Reagan from carrying out his campaign pledge to repair the damage done to our Intelligence agencies during the last decade.

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